

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 23, 1891.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. PADDOCK, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany S. 1202.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1202) granting a pension to Elizabeth M. Morgan, have considered the same and report:

The petitioner, Elizabeth M. Morgan, is the widow of Robert C. Morgan, who was a captain in the Mexican war and from 1862 to 1868 captain and assistant quartermaster of United States Volunteers. Captain Morgan for years before his death was a sufferer from inflammatory rheumatism and died on January 2, 1884, as the result of that disease. During the last years of his life he was a great sufferer and required the constant attendance of his wife and the expenditure of the entire savings of both. His widow is now broken down in health, destitute, dependent, and almost totally deaf.

There is a large amount of testimony to the sterling character and faithful services of Captain Morgan, including letters from Governor John A. Dix and Abram S. Hewitt, and sufficient medical and other evidence to sustain the belief that Captain Morgan's death was the direct result of exposure in the service.

Dr. Charles D. Maxwell, of Washington, D. C., under date of August 8, 1888, testifies that he attended Captain Morgan from 1879 until his death, which resulted from heart failure caused by protracted rheumatic seizures.

Dr. P. Bryson Woods, of Baltimore, under date of August 17, 1888, states that he was one of the physicians attendant upon Captain Morgan, and that his death was caused by heart failure due to rheumatism, and adds:

These conditions were always attributed and can easily be traced to exposure while doing duty in the Mexican war.

Gen. John P. Hatch, U. S. Army, in a letter dated August 11, 1888, states that he knew the deceased from boyhood until his death, that previous to his service in the Mexican war he was a healthy man, and that from the time of his discharge until his death he was subject to severe attacks of rheumatism.

A memorial signed by Admirals Rowan and Ammen, Commodore Harmony, Doctor Maxwell and others, presents facts touching Mrs. Morgan's destitution and incurable deafness.

Your committee therefore report the bill favorably and recommend that it do pass.